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Editorial.

THE MARION CHURCH.

We call special attention to the communication from brother J. A. Ridenour in reference to the church at Marion, Ind. We do not know of another place in the entire brotherhood, more promising than the Mission Point at Marion. Neither do we know of another place where the investment of \$1.00 will do more, or as much, good, as at this place. Marion is the great gas city of Indiana, containing about 20,000 inhabitants. That portion of the city where the Brethren church is located is a good field for missionary work. A "great and effectual door" is open here for the Brethren church, and we cannot afford to let the opportunity go by. The call for help from the Marion church is imperative. It is the call of God, and there should be a liberal response. That Quaker brother has made a very liberal offer. He lives within sight of the church. There are no other churches in that part of the city. He knows the power of the church in such a community. It would be—shall we say a *shame*—to treat this offer with indifference. So far as the facts are known to us, it would seem like an inexcusable neglect of duty, not to come to the relief of the Marion church.

Let the zeal which gave vent to itself in enthusiastic resolutions at different conferences now express itself in something tangible, something that *counts*. If we are not mistaken, it becomes the duty of the State of Indiana, to make the *first* move. Let those who have authority, who are in a position to speak, put Indiana at the head of the list, with a good round sum, and outside help will follow. Brethren, here is an opportunity for *practical* work. We officiated at the dedication of the Marion church, and we know whereof we speak when we say that the Brethren church at large *cannot afford to let the work at Marion go by default*. We shall expect to hear of the most liberal response to this Macedonian call for help.

KEEP the 3,000 mark in view.

OUR S. S. LITERATURE.

The announcement was recently made that our S. S. literature was to be greatly improved for the next quarter. While descriptive circulars will soon be mailed to superintendents and officers of the schools, this opportunity is embraced to give all the readers of the EVANGELIST an idea of what they may expect along this line.

It has been the constant aim of the Editor to improve the Quarterlies, as well as the papers, not only in the mechanical makeup, but also in the subject matter. From the reception given the Literature by our own people and by comparison with similar publications of other churches, this aim—to give our people a Literature equal to the best,—is being realized.

DO YOU KNOW

That as a church we have a more complete line of S. S. requisites—lesson helps and papers,—than many denominations very much stronger than ours? It requires just as much to print it, as if we sold ten times as much. There is probably no S. S. Literature published that represents so *much work* and yielding so little remuneration.

The publications at present embrace the following:

1. Brethren Quarterly.
2. Youth's Quarterly.
3. Cheering Words.
4. Our Little Folks.

1. Brethren Quarterly. This Quarterly will be artistically printed on extra No. 1 book paper, stapled, neatly bound and trimmed.

SIZE.

There will be 40 pages of matter same size as heretofore. This means 80 columns of subject matter, each nine inches long.

DICTIONARY.

The Bible Dictionary will occupy 4 to 7 inclusive. Every term of importance in the lessons of the quarter will be explained. One page will be devoted to an outline of the Book of St. Luke from which our lessons are taken. One column will be given to an outline of each of the following subjects: (a) The Kingdom of God; and (b) the Destruction of Jerusalem.

How to Study the Lesson.—This is a *new feature* and will be found a very valuable part of the Quarterly.

Here will be given the parallel accounts of the lesson, the daily readings, the connection between the lesson and a carefully arranged outline and interpretation of the lesson. Also hints which will be sug-

gestive to the thoughtful teacher and scholar. One column will be given to each lesson, so this feature covers 6 pages—8 to 14 inclusive.

Those who want a teacher's edition will find this to fill that place. And the scholar, by this arrangement, will have the same chance to study as the teacher has.

The Lesson. Pages 14 to 39 inclusive will contain the lessons proper. Two full pages are given to each lesson. Here will be found the text of the lesson with comments on the same. Practical every day *Life Teachings* will be clearly stated. Here will be found the Golden Text and the Lesson Thought. The Key Words of the lesson are pointed out. About twenty-five helpful questions are given on each lesson, a few questions for the whole school including several good text questions. Under the heading, "Some Things To Do," will be given five things each lesson teaches us to do. This is an important feature.

2. Youth's Quarterly. The Youth's Quarterly will be just like the Brethren Quarterly in every respect except the second page of each lesson. This page will be especially and carefully prepared for those for whom this grade is intended. Here will be found the Lesson Story told in an attractive yet simple manner. Also the Key Words and Lesson Thought with "Some Things To do," helpful questions for the scholar's use and some test questions.

3. Cheering Words. This is a bright wide-awake young people's paper. It is nicely printed on good paper. This paper has been well received and its many readers can look for improvements in it next quarter. It will contain some new and original stories accompanied by illustrations.

Nothing but the best and purest literature is good enough for the young people and so only the choicest selections and contributions will be found in its columns.

4. Our Little Folks. This is a neat little paper for the little folks. It contains the lesson text, questions and answers, Golden Text, Lesson Thought, Memory Verse, and Lesson Story, together with other interesting and instructive reading matter for the children. Arrangements have been made to illustrate each lesson. There will also appear appropriate illustrations on first page accompanied by stories simply told. The lesson will be so simplified as to bring it within the comprehension of even the little child. The paper therefore can be used by the smallest scholars in the school, as well as by those a little older.

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